

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Dennis Carroll R1724

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State of Alabama Shelby County: Circuit Court Fall Term 1834

On this [illegible, could be 21<sup>st</sup>] day of October 1834 personally appeared in open Court before Ptolemy Harris Judge of the Circuit Court of the said County of Shelby now sitting Dennis Carral a resident of the County and State aforesaid, age seventy-two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service in 1780 as he believes calculating from his age as well as he can now recollect being then about fifteen years old – that he was drafted in the Militia of North Carolina under Captain Joshua Hadley – and his son was their Lieutenant in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Armstrong. That they marched down Cape Fear River to Wilmington where they encamped for three months waiting for the arrival of General Morgan. That at Wilmington he was discharged having served three months. From Wilmington he returned to Fayetteville on his way home and was there impressed to guard some prisoners by one Colonel Emmet [probably Capt. James Emmet of the NC Continental Line] who was then in command there, that he continued in Fayetteville about three months longer, that after this he marched again under Captain McCraney [sic, Neil McCrany or M cCranie] down the Downing Creek where he again joined the company commanded by Captain Hadley, explored gum swamp polecat and Blanton swamps in pursuit of the Tories, 10 or 15 of time, with some cattle, they took prisoners – that he was then marched up Black River to Fayetteville – where they remained two or three weeks and were again marched through the several swamps above named in pursuit of Tories several of whom they captured. That he was principally in Sampson, Cumberland ~~Counties~~ and in the neighborhood of Wilmington, their main subject was the capture of a Tory by the name of Fanning [David Fanning], who had become very obnoxious. That on Cape Fear River in a skirmish with the Tories his Captain was killed and was succeeded by his son. That he was in several skirmishes but in no important battle. That they finally marched to Fayetteville with several prisoners when news was received of the capture of Lord Cornwallis where he was discharged having served nine months in all. That he never was in the Regular Service. That he knew General Morgan who commanded the Riflemen, and once only saw General Greene on Cape Fear River who was then proceeding towards Charleston. That he has no documentary evidence by which he can establish his claim. That he had a discharge after the expiration of his first tour but that it got

destroyed in his possession that it was signed by Captain Hadley – And when finally distant and did he got none nor did any of his companions. Applicant further states that he knows no person by whom he can now prove his services –

That he can prove by Hopkins Lee of Bible County Alabama that he was acquainted with applicant in North Carolina, who knows that it was understood that Applicant and his brothers were in the service, but does not know it of his own knowledge –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any state.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Dennis Carroll, X the his mark

[Sam W. Mardis and Daniel E. Watrouh [?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Answers to the seven questions propounded by the Court to the applicant agreeably to the directions contained in the printed form and instructions issued by the Department of War

To 1<sup>st</sup> Int. I was born in Wake County North Carolina from the information I can obtain in 1766 –

To 2<sup>nd</sup> Int. I have no record of my age

To 3<sup>rd</sup> Int. I was living in Cumberland County North Carolina when called into service – I have lived since in Johnson County [sic, Johnston County?] And then in Claiborne County North Carolina I then moved to Bunkum [sic, Buncombe] where I lived 11 years thence I moved to Tennessee Claiborne County and thence to Shelby County Alabama where I have resided 17 years and where I now live.

To the 4<sup>th</sup> I was drafted for three months when I first entered the service

To the 5<sup>th</sup> There was no regular officer with the troops where applicant served. That Colonel Morgan with about 600 Riflemen was in his neighborhood for about one month. That Captain McLeod and McCrany who belonged to the light horse frequently were with them – Applicant can give no other account of his service, then he has already given – That he served in North Carolina pursuing the Tories and to the swamps where they retreated with their plunder and frequently retreating before them.

To the 6<sup>th</sup> I received a written discharge after my first tour but it got destroyed but none when finally dismissed

To the 7<sup>th</sup> the Court will call Samuel W. Mardis and Daniel E. Watrous.

[fn p. 2: Note: "List of rejected claims printed in 1852 shows cause of rejection as follows: "He did not serve in any regularly organized Corps.""]